

**Department of Planning and Budget
2001 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number HB2521

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron Reid

3. Committee Militia and Police

4. Title Battery of a sports official.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** This legislation proposes to amend 18.2-57 of the Code of Virginia to provide for a mandatory period of incarceration of two days when the accused is an adult who commits a battery against a sports official with the intent to cause bodily injury, and six months' mandatory incarceration if a weapon is used.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates** are: Tentative. See item 8.

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

8. **Fiscal implications:** The fiscal implications of this legislation is uncertain. The impact cannot be determined because the number of people who might violate the provisions of the code is unknown.

Assault and battery is a Class 1 misdemeanor. Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor can be sentenced to time in jail. Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanant held in a jail and \$14.00 a day for each state responsible inmate. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board, the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$30.54 per inmate, per day in FY 1999.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Local law enforcement, Sheriffs, and the Compensation Board

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** None.

11. **Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety